

I'm A Miracle!!



Ella

Hi, my name is Ella. At the age of 5 years old, I began drinking. At the age of 16 years old, I started drugging. During this time I was going through a lot of family problems. I became very promiscuous. For years I was very careless about my life.

Then 10 years ago, I contracted HIV. Instead of turning to God, I ran in the other direction. **But God didn't give up on me.** One day, I decided I was tired of being tired and a friend gave me the phone number for Youth Challenge Mission for Women (YCMW). At first, I didn't think they would accept me because **I was on twenty-one prescription drugs.** After I was approved to come into the program, I still hadn't surrendered, but did decide to give it a chance. I figured 45 days would be long enough to see if it really would work for me and those 45 days turned into 18 months.

I am an alumna now and staff trainee at YCMW. I am giving back to other hurting women what I have received at YCMW. Also, **I received a report from my doctor stating there are no signs of HIV and I am no longer on all those prescriptions. To God Be The Glory!**

There are two scriptures that helped me. One is John 14:1 (KJV) "Let not your heart be troubled: Ye believe in God, believe also in me." The other is Psalm 119:71 (NIV); it says clearly, "It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees."

God has totally healed me. He has healed my emotions and body. God is allowing me to be able to tell others the wonderful works He has done in my life. **I'm truly a miracle!!** "To all our contributing partners, thank you for your support in making this miracle possible!"

Yc HELPING THE HURTING



The Reverend Marva Downes, Director



Dr. Raul Gonzalez, Executive Director and wife, The Reverend Guillermina, Founders



1st Directors 1981 - 1983
 Dr. Duane Chassie and wife, The Reverend Gloria with The Reverend Jamie Shaw (center), Graduate of 1986, receiving Alumni Of The Year Award

Celebrate! Celebrate!

Youth Challenge Mission for Women (YCMW) is **celebrating 25 years** in the City of Hartford.

It has been a wonderful journey!

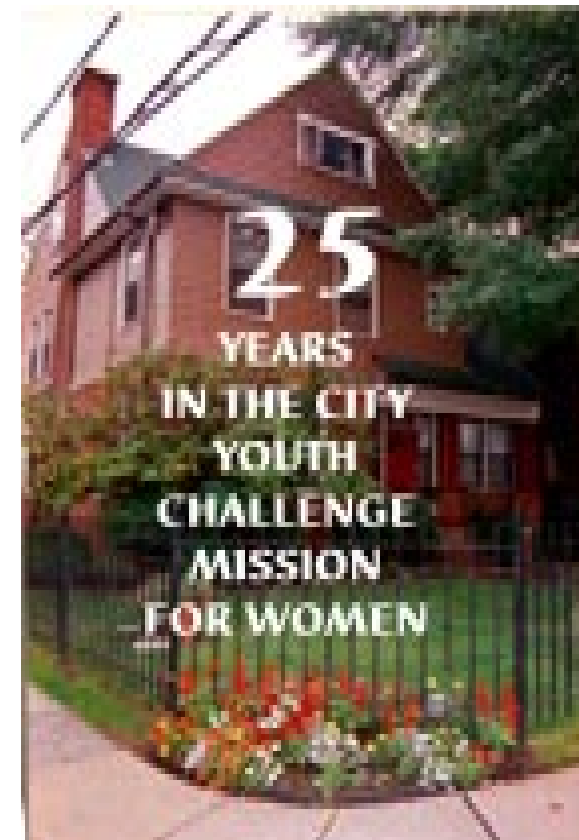
I would like to especially thank the **Founders and first Directors** (photographs above) for their Vision of healing, delivering, and restoring broken women to their families, communities and to society.

Also, I would like to thank our **YCMW partners** for their support and **government officials** for their contribution to our success in touching many lives (see center page).

Enclosed is a self-addressed envelope for you to mail your "special" **25th Anniversary donation. Please consider giving \$25.00, "One dollar for every year."** If you are able to do more, it would be a great blessing. We would like to thank you in advance!! Please make your checks payable to: Youth Challenge of CT, Inc. and in the memo, write "MFW."

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!
 Let us go on to the next 25 years!

*Respectfully,
 Ella*



To God Be The Glory, Honor and Praise!!!



Shari Jennings
 Intake Supervisor/
 Counselor



Diane Rodriguez
 Maintenance Supervisor



Ella Gillis
 Jr. Staff

***** ATTENTION *****

It's our 25th THANKSGIVING PIE SALE FUNDRAISER. HELP A "SISTER" OUT BY BOOSTING OUR PIE SALES. Purchase an extra pie and make an investment in the restoration of hurting women. Call us at (860) 527-2000 and place your order

**Apple, Cherry, Pumpkin, Sweet Potato, Blueberry - \$8 each
 Cheesecakes \$10 each
 Deadline for pickup 11/21/06
 Financial donations or ingredients are welcome!**

Celebrate Thanksgiving with our homemade delicious pies. WE MAKE THE BEST!!

YC GRADUATION BANQUET
 October 21, 2006 - 6:00 p.m.
 Plainfield Town Hall - \$20.00
 For Tickets, Call (860) 728-5199 or (860) 564-8400
 Speaker: Dr. John Q. Kenzy
 President of Y.C.I. Bible Institute

YC ALUMNI HOMECOMING BANQUET
 February, 2007
 For More Information
 Call (860) 728-5199

YC ALUMNI SERVICE
 November 24, 2006
 7:00 p.m.
 221-225 Greenfield Street
 Hartford, CT 06112

Volunteers - Women Of Purpose



Shirley Clements
 Fundraiser Coordinator
 Resident Supervisor



Brunilda Rodriguez
 Prison Ministry
 YCMW Teacher



Sonia Humphrey
 Volunteer
 "Pie-making" Coordinator



The Rev. Sandra Melendez
 Prison Ministry



April - "posing with her cat" - Joyfully off to Graduate School!!!

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THE LEADERS



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